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SUBJ: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS): LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC  
ORCHESTRA (LAPO)

REF: STATE 279461

1. POST IS UNCLEAR WHETHER PARAGRAPH THREE, REFTEL, BARS  
SHIPMENT OF PROPERTIES BY TRUCK FROM BRATISLAVA TO PRAGUE.  
GIVEN FREE DAY FOR TRUCK TRAVEL BETWEEN BRATISLAVA CONCERT,  
DECEMBER 8, AND PRAGUE CONCERT, DECEMBER 10, LOCAL SPONSOR  
CONTENTION THAT TRUCK TRANSPORT IS MOST DESIRABLE MEANS OF  
SHIPMENT IS SUPPORTED BY POST.

2. AIRSHIPMENT WOULD REQUIRE LOADING AT BRATISLAVA HALL,  
UNLOADING AND LOADING AT BRATISLAVA AIRPORT, UNLOADING  
AND LOADING AT PRAGUE AIRPORT, AND UNLOADING AT PRAGUE HALL.  
TRUCK SHIPMENT WOULD REQUIRE ONLY LOADING AT BRATISLAVA  
HALL AND UNLOADING AT PRAGUE HALL. REDUCED HANDLING IN  
LOCAL ENVIRONMENT CONNOTES REDUCED LIKELIHOOD OF DAMAGED  
PROPERTIES. FURTHER, IT IS FAR MORE LIKELY THAT WEATHER  
CONDITIONS COULD INTERFERE WITH AIRSHIPMENT THAN WITH  
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TRUCK SHIPMENT.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, POST WOULD OPT FOR DEFINITE TRUCK TRANSPORT OF PROPERTIES, BRATISLAVA-PRAGUE. ORCHESTRA MEMBERS WOULD FLY, UNLESS FOG OR OTHER ACTS OF GOD MADE TRAIN TRAVEL NECESSARY. IN SUCH AN INSTANCE, POST AND LOCAL SPONSOR WOULD THUS BE FREE TO CONCENTRATE ON REVISION OF TRAVEL PLANS FOR PEOPLE AND LUGGAGE ONLY, WITHOUT ADDED DIFFICULTIES OF REARRANGING MEANS OF PROPERTIES SHIPMENT. ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL PREOCCUPIED WITH SECURITY OF PROPERTIES COULD SEE SAME ON TRUCK IN BRATISLAVA AND STILL ARRIVE (BY AIR) IN PRAGUE IN TIME TO SUPERVISE UNLOADING UPON ARRIVAL THERE OF TRUCK.

4. POST HEARTILY ENDORSES DEPARTMENT VIEW, PARAGRAPH NINE, REFTEL. CLARIFICATIONS TO FLEISCHMANN REQUIRED ARE AS FOLLOWS (SOME MISCONCEPTIONS ARE ALSO REFLECTED IN REFTEL CONTENTS):

A. HOTELS - PRAGUE HOTELS WILL BE JALTA, AMBASSADOR, ALCRON AND/OR, REPEAT AND/OR, ESPLANADE. THESE WERE NAMES DISCUSSED IN PRAGUE MEETINGS. HOTELS IN BRATISLAVA WILL BE CARLETON AND DEVIN, REPEAT DEVIN, NOT DEVON. SPONSOR COMMITMENT IS FOR 40 SINGLES AND 40 DOUBLES (INCLUDING ONE SUITE, NOT TWO). POST IS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT PROVISIONS CAN BE MADE FOR FLEISCHMANN SUITE, BUT SAME WAS NOT AGREED UPON IN LOCAL DISCUSSIONS.

B. PER DIEM - SPONSOR COMMITMENT IS TO PAY 100 CZECHOSLOVAK CROWNS PER DAY TO EACH MEMBER OF TRAVELLING PARTY. DEPENDENT UPON FINAL OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PRAGOKONCERT AND CZECH RADIO IN PRAGUE, AND BETWEEN SLOVKONCERT AND SLOVAK RADIO IN BRATISLAVA, THERE IS FURTHER SPONSOR COMMITMENT TO PAY 50 CZECHOSLOVAK CROWNS PER DAY TO EACH MEMBER OF TRAVELLING PARTY. TOTAL PER DIEM POSSIBLE WOULD THUS BE 150 CZECHOSLOVAK CROWNS. SPONSOR MAY YET AGREE TO FURNISH HOTEL ROOMS WITH PAID BREAKFAST, BUT MEMBERS OF PARTY DESIRING AMERICAN-STYLE BREAKFAST WOULD PAY 10-15 CROWNS EXTRA COST OF SAME OUT OF THEIR PER DIEM. EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT SPONSOR WOULD GIVE CARTE BLANCHE TO MEMBERS OF PARTY ON BREAKFAST COSTS. PURSUIT OF SAME WOULD DETRACT FROM CONTINUING POST EFFORT TO GAIN SPONSOR APPROVAL

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OF INCLUSION BASIC BREAKFAST COSTS IN PAID HOTEL BILLS.

C. RADIO BROADCASTS - NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL SPONSORS AND RADIO BROADCASTERS ARE INDEPENDENT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ORCHESTRA AND DEPARTMENT, OR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT (EMBASSY) JHD LOCAL SPONSORS, EXCEPT INsofar AS 1) PERMISSION FOR RADIO BROADCAST IN EACH LOCALE, 2) PAYMENT OF 150 CROWNS PER DIEM, AND 3) DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF SPONSOR CHARGE OF ANY

BROADCAST FEE TO LOCAL BROADCASTERS, ARE CONCERNED. SIZE OF BROADCAST FEE AND DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS BY LOCAL SPONSORS IS MATTER FOR DECISION BY AND BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAK INSTITUTIONS. LOCAL SPONSOR ABILITY AND/OR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEDE TO SUPPORT LEVELS SOUGHT BY FLEISCHMANN WILL DEPEND DIRECTLY UPON PRESERVATION OF THIS UNDERSTANDING. FLEISCHMANN/DEPARTMENT AGREED TO RADIO BROADCASTS. SPONSOR AGREED TO SEEK INCREASE OF PERDIEM FROM 100 TO 150 CROWNS. EX POST FACTO DEMANDS, VERSUS REQUESTS, FROM FLEISCHMANN FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT ON STRENGTH OF RADIO FEE, SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED, IF POSSIBLE. LEVERAGE IS ILLUSORY.

D. HALLS- NAME OF BRATISLAVA HALL IS REDUTA, REPEAT REDUTA.

E. NATIONAL ANTHEMS - PLAYING OF NATIONAL ANTHEMS IS NOT LOCAL PRACTICE AND WOULD REQUIRE MINISTRY OF CULTURAL FOREKNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL. SUGGEST FLEISCHMANN INCLUDE SAME IN FORMAL PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR TWO SITES, WHICH POST WOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE FROM DEPARTMENT IN COURSE OF NEXT FEW MONTHS. IF LOCAL OBJECTIONS ARISE, NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS COULD THEN BE MADE ON BASIS OF POSITIVE PROPOSAL, NOT DISCUSSIONS IN PRINCIPLE.

5. EMBASSY WILL INFORM CU/ARTS OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS, AS WELL AS CONTENTS ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM FLEISCHMANN DIRECTED IN ERROR TO EMBASSY. COPY OF FIRST SUCH FLEISCHMANN LETTER BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER. FRISBIE

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